

An Excellent

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DIALOGUE

BETWEEN

Honest *John*

AND

Loving *Kate*.

Containing, Not only their Wooing,
but also their wedding, to the Satisfaction and good liking of their friends

Some wooing was in the first part,
But now their join'd both hand & heart
In Wedlocks bands to the great joy,
Of all their friends, tho' Kate was coy
At first, at length she granted love,
And does a constant woman prove.



The SECOND PART.

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T H E
S E C O N D D I A L O G U E
B E T W E E N

Honest JOHN and Loving KATE.

John **M**Y pretty pidgeon and sweet pygmy, according to the promise you made last night, I am come not only to give an account of what ~~pass~~ between my master and I at my return home, but likewise to make a farther progress in matters relating to our intended marriage.

K. Welcome my dear, in troth I joy to see thee, alais I have had but little rest last night, for my whole thoughts were taken up about the great affair in hand, and I thought every minnte an hour and every hour a day for this happy moment, that I might find how things went? tell me sweet love for I'm impatient to hear.

J. I would willingly make thee easy and give thee full satisfaction, but that this place I think is not private enough, if we shou'd be over heard, then the news wou'd fly thro' the neighbouring parishes and we shou'd be talk'd and laugh'd at before we can bring our happy marriage to perfection.

K. What need we value what they say of such honourable state, I'm sure we talk of that, which there's not a girl above 16 years of age, but would be willingly blest with the same happiness.

J. I grant what you say is true, yet nevertheless it is natural for lovers to be in private, that they may sweeten every loving word, and choice embrace with honey kisses; and it is not convenient that every body should be made spectator of our innocent happiness.

bsK. Shall I go and ask my dame leave to go out an hour or 2 with you,

voJ. With all my heart.

K. My dear, upon second thought 'tis no matter whether I do or no, my work is done, and if she shou'd be a little crusty, I need not value it, for it will not be long, e'er I shall be mistress myself.

J. Aye; so thou shalt, and I'll keep thee a maid too, that I will.

K. O me, how I'm lifted up with joy what be married and a maid to wait upon, that will be brave.

J. Whose yonder by the barn door.

K. Adsfoot, 'tis my dame let us slip out at this back gate, and make the best of our way to the neighbouring grove, and there we may talk without danger, and kiss without fear.

J. Well said sweet jewel, this is a pleasant evening, but is it not something too cold for us to converse in the grove, had not we better go to Mother Tiplets at the sign of Sir John B rleycorn, and have a cake or two, with a cup of nap-brown ale to warm our affections.

K. What is your love so luke warm still that you must have strong ale to bring it in a right method.

J. My dear thou hast taken me up very short, and I must acknowledge it was a word a little out of joint, as thou hast made it, tho' there was nothing design'd but a tender regard to thy health.

K. I believe thee, but must note that lovers are often touchous upon flencer occasions.

J. Believe me, i thought no harm.

K. Nor i neither, but only was willing to hear what answer thou could'st make we girls are charming creatures & love to be courted with abundance of respect

J. This is little or nothing to the purpose, shall we go and have something that's good to comfort us.

K. By my troth we will not go to the ale house for comfort, we have comfort enough in one another already.

J. Now it is my turn to catch at thy words my dear as well as thou didst at

mine, thou sayst we have comfort enough already, this is but the wooing part, and shall we have, instead of comfort crosses in our marriage.

K. Then my dear it seems we have both err'd in our words, so that 'tis reason we shou'd forgive one another, & be more cautious and careful for the future on J. I forgive thee.

K. And to do i thee with all my heart
-o- J. Then my sweet Kate, let's kiss & be friends and tell me shall we go where I said.

K. What to the ale-house, no i shall not only bring an ill report upon myself by so doing but likewise learn you such a haunt perhaps, that you may never leave during life, we'll sit down on this green bank, under the spreading branches of this lovely tree, where we may discourse our fill, without the charge of an ale-house reckoning.

J. Thou art a notable girl for the saying part.

K. New beginners should be so, for marriage will bring us into wants of many things which we must provide, & i must needs tell you, that the 15d that was spent yesterday in cakes ale & tobacco, had it been sav'd wou'd have bought us something towards house keeping.

J I do not pine at what i spent, and why should thee, consider with thyself if all people would be of thy mind what should we do with our ale when we have brewed it, according to what we were talking yesterday.

K. By my troth I do not intend to follow that employment, i know how such people are abused upon every slender occasion, and besides, we cannot wear a good Garment, but presently are pointed at, saying, pray behold Mrs. Lickspiggot she may well go find, who gets a living so easy by the sins of other people, these and twenty reflections more they have for people that sell Ale, therefore i'll not follow that calling.

J. Love by this hand of mine, thou shalt not follow that employment there is greater things in agitation for us both, my master has a kindness for me far above what i ever thought, till last nights discourse.

K. Aye, what he talk'd on last night when you got home, that i want to know tell me quickly sweet Johnny, tell me.

J. Prithee love be not so much in haste i have almost forgot how we began, therefore i must recollect my memory a little, let me see, i think he is not for our keeping an ale-house, and how you came

to be of the same mind makes me wonder when we so positively agreed on it yesterday: in my conscience thou hast been inform'd of what pass'd between my master and me, by the wise lady of the woods, wherefore need i to make any repetition of the matter.

K. Prithee tell me not of the wise lady of the woods, i know her nor, neither was she ever at our house to my knowledge; therefore tell me sweet Johnny thyself, for i long to know how thou wast received.

J. By this sweet Kiss, my sweet honey and everlasting love, i'll tell thee, it was about 7 o'clock at night when we parted, and in half an hour or less i was got home, and as i entered the kitchen door, who shou'd i meet there but my master, and i thought he look'd a little frowningly and said, how now John methinks you have staid out late to the great neglect of business where have you been, i was a little at a stand, and began to consider what to say, at length calling to mind the old Proverb, that the truth may be blam'd, but not sham'd, i up and told him that i had been with thee my sweet Kate.

K. What did he say to that, was he angry then or pleased.

J. He answer'd little at present but after Supper he beckned me into the hall and began to talk freely to me, and the first question that he asked me whether i intended to make thee my wife or no, I answer'd him, that i lov'd thee above any other girl in the kingdom; and moreover I was resolved to make thee my wife the first opportunity.

K. I warrant you, if you were to tell the truth, that he was for having thee live single, that he might fill his bags with the marrow of thy bones, and the sweet of thy brow.

J. In troth my dear I must and will excuse him, for instead of my serving him longer he has been contriving a way to raise me in the world upon our marriage

K. How came he to offer any of his favours to you?

J. When I had told him of our afternoon's wooing, and intended wedding, as also our contrivance how to live after marriage, some things he lik'd, and some things he dislik'd.

K. What was that pray he did not like it was your sweetheart I warrant ye, was it not.

J. So far from disliking my choice, that he praised thee to the skies, and says I have pitched upon the best girl in the

country, for industry, housewifery, and twenty other qualifications which he nominated.

K. O me is it possible, did he speak so many pretty words about thy Kate. well I shall love him better for it as long as I live, but tell me what was that he did not like.

J. When I told him about the house that we was for taken of, and that we intended to brew and sell ale, he shook his head, saying, that's an idle and lazy employment fit for none but such as are old and past his labour.

K. On my conscience he is in the right on't, and spoke nothing but the truth of the matter, for I verily think we have never had good times since alehouse keeping has been made the nursery of vice, and young people encouraged to turn age out of that employment which was first ordained for them alone.

J. I am highly pleased at what thou hast said, for the arguments thou hast us'd are most excellent in themselves.

K. I'd rather still remain a servant, in a well govern'd family than to be a mistress, where there is drunkenness and disorder.

J. Thou is like to be a mistress in a short time, my master has promised me

a farm about 30 pounds a year & I doubt not but he'll be as good as his promise.

K. But my dear all the money we can get won't stock it with cattle & necessary's

J. He told me he wou'd credit me, & my dame listening, heard that I was going to be a man for myself.

K. And did she understand you and I was to be married too.

J. I believe not for this reason, finding that my master was going to let me the farm she laid to him God's blessing on thy heart for what thou art about to do, & she further laid, I wish our daughter Jenny was old enough to make him a wife.

K. How old is your masters daughter

J. About eleven or twelve I think.

J. To deal plain with you John, I don't like your mistress so well as your master. Why does she concern herself about a wife for you for if he helps you to a farm, you can help yourself to a wife, what sayst thou, I've spoke the truth;

J. My dear thou hast spoke the truth for I need not I think go far for a wife.

K. Indeed John I do not understand you now: what do you mean by this last expression, you seem to think me fond.

J. What think thee fond, no, by the love I bear thee, I can harbour no such

thought of the, do not I know how many tears and sighs it cost me, before I gain'd thy love, which convinces me thou art not fond but faithful.

C. I doubt John you flatter me now, because I do not remember I saw you cry all the time you came a wooing.

J. I had many a tear at first but perhaps you did not see 'em, because then you were so hard hearted, you wou'd not cast a favourable look towards me

K. If your mistress's daughter had been old enough to marry, you'd have left me to shed more tears for the loss of you. than ever you shed to gain the love of me but she's too young, and I'm glad she is.

J. Never ground thy gladness on her youth, for I'd not break my vows to thee for never a master's daughter alive, neither does he desire me.

K. How dost know they'd not be willing thou shou'd make a choice.

J. Thus much I can say for my mistress, that when she spoke concerning her daughter, she knew not i had a love in store, till my master told her I was lustily promised and as good as married to Kate neighbour Johnsons dairy maid.

K. And what said your mistress then.

J. As I'm a living man, i thought she'd a jump't out of your skin for joy, and

said, heaven bless him he's a [notable young man and has pitch'd on the flower of the villages round, not only beauty; but labour, good houswifery & industry.

John is careful so is loving Kate,
No doubt but they'll be fortunate.

K. Did your mistress say all this of me I am sorry for what i said, i find her a better woman than i thought her at first.

J. But what think you she said more.

K. As i am a maid and hope to be married i know not, except you tell me.

J. She desired to know when the wedding day was to be, i told her she shou'd know, this pleas'd them both so well, that they promised me a wedding dinner to the value of 5 pounds, and i intend to get him to be father to give thee away.

K. But your master is a rich man, he has been Churchwarden of the Parish therefore i fear he will take it ill, if you shou'd ask him to give me in marriage.

J. No, he'll take it as a favour.

K. Then prithee let him have the office, i love his humour, and who knows how kind he may be to his daughter,

J. What dost mean by being kind, i hope no kinder than constant Kate.

K. No by my troth, i'd not cuckold thee for a kingdom, all i meant was i hop'd he wou'd give us someting towards

house-keeping, for new beginners are glad of any thing that is given them.

J. Love it is well known I was very careful of my master's business, & therefore you may think I shan't be careless of my own; as for the first year I intend to rise early, work hard, and do most of my business myself.

K. We must have some Servants.

J. My dear, i know we must have some help, but servants are so careless & deceitful now adays, that if a master trusts too much to them, he may soon be ruin'd; there's not many like thee and me, remember the words of Goodman Clark on that subject, when he was merry amongst his Friends, said he, If i have a piece of work to do, i may set my Servants about it, but if i'd have it well done, let me do it myself.

K. Was that his saying, 'twas very pretty, i knew him well. he was a merry man, but who in business can live without Servants.

J. My dear thou shalt have one, I doubt not but light on some north country lass, that's been us'd to hard work & she will serve to help thee, not only in the dairy but also in the household work, and as need requires, drive Plow in the field with me, this is the way to thrive,

when our watchful eyes are over our servants in every part of business.

K. What will you go to plow yourself when you are married and master of a farm, your master does not.

J. No nor I neither, when i'm as rich as he, but i think it a discretion to work when i am young, that i may take my ease in old age, 'tis more natural for me to Plough than to Play.

K. I am in great hopes we shall do extraordinary well, what store of Cows & other Cattie shall we keep.

J. How many cows let me see, we can't have grass for above 9 or 10, besides the team that i must keep.

K. That will be a pretty employment for me to milk them, and make butter & cheese i should not know how to bestow my time, if i had not something to do.

J. I warrant the girl, I'll find thee work enough thou shalt bake and brew and i'll never go to the alehouse, except it be upon buying and selling bargains at market, or any other place from home.

K. Egads that will be brave, i can brew as good drink as the best of them.

J. My dear i don't question it, besides there's another profitable conveniency in it, i intend to keep a couple or more pigs and the grains and other waste will be ex-

traordinary good food for them, new beginners must make the best of every thing

K. I like the contrivance, and nothing shall be wanting in me? but must we not keep some Poultry too.

J. Poultry my dear, aye sure t'would not look as a farm without them, thou'lt have cocks and hens, geese and turkies, &c. and the increase of them shall serve to buy thee pins against thy lying in.

-x K. Thou speak indeed like an honest man and i am pleased at the very heart to hear thy kind and loving offers and must i lie in? that will be brave, i love little children for i have heard my dame say, tho' they are careful comforts, yet their a continual blessing.

J. She's a notable woman and speaks with discretion, i'm of her opinion, for behold the children of our youth may come to support us in decriped age.

K. O me these are the prettiest words i ever heard in my Life, you're a scholar i warrant, are you not.

J. I can read.

K. What can you read.

J. Love in thy fair eyes, and i must & will have the other kifs. O how' sweet are the two lips of thine.

K. O me, what a racket you make, can't you sit still and let me alone, is this

the way of wooing, tumble teaze & tear
a body's cloaths as you do.

J. My dear, it is the only way, woo-
ing without kissing is like a man without
cloathing, cold and heartless, but choice
embraces kindles new affections, and
makes our love warm and powerful, *I*
have a pretty Song that I made myself
upon that subject, to day as *I* was alone
in the orchard.

My Bonny Kate, i love thee well,
There's neither Nancy Joan or Nell
Shall never steal my heart away,
For thou shalt have it night & day,
Had I ten thousand pounds in gold
With lofty buildings manifold,
I'd cloath thee like a lady gay,
Or like the gaudy queen of May.

K. Did you make the fine song your
ownself, on my conscience it is far better
than you made yesterday.

J. My jewel, my dear love, believe
me *I* made it.

K. In troth I wish I was a lady,

J. My dear thou shalt be a lady of thy
own household, and second ruler in the
government of my family.

K. I did but jest, and troth *I* do not
want to be a lady, true love is to be pri-
zed above riches. and according to the
old Proverb, a contented mind is a con-
tinual feast,

J. You shall have a master shortly
w^h ten of her; come stay a little, I'll
sing thee a Song of my own making.

K. I never knew you were a Poet be-
fore let me hear it quickly.

J. Love makes me very eloquent, I
never had so much wit ; nay, since I met
with thee I think it comes from you to me

K. Perhaps so too, for I'm sure I ne-
ver had so little since I met with you, I
wonder'd what was become of it

J. Thou hast enough still methinks, &
that which thou hast lent me, I will im-
prove it if I can.

K. What your song, then I shall judge

J. Come sweet duck I'll begin, I made
it the other day as I was in the malt house
and when I had done turning the malt I
sat down and repeated it, and played the
tune on my flagellet, and methinks it
went so sweet it ravished me.

K. I would I cou'd hear it.

J. Hum, hum, hum.

K. You'd best wet your wistle first,
for see the Pipes are stopt.

J. That's right, here's to thee Kate.

K. Thank you John, now pray begin

J. *Phillis lov'd Croydon,
Phillis lov'd her Croydon,
So does Katy her dear John,
If I may believe her,*

For which I shall prove true,
 And never will I leave her,
 I have danc'd with her full oft,
 I have, &c.

She gives me many kisses oft.
 And winks on me with pleasure,
 She is my dear and only joy,
 She is my greatest treasure,
 If she'll be rul'd by me,
 If she'll, &c.

Shortly married we will be.
 And live in mirth and gladness,
 For now we do loose our time,
 And always live in sadness,
 To her always will I prove,
 To her, &c.

Constant as the turtle Dove,
 In no wise I'll deceive her,
 Till death do us part,
 None has the art,
 Of my Love to bereave her.

K. O brave John, I see you think on me when you do not see me, I did not think indeed you had been so good a scholar, how long did you go to school.

J. Not long, for I had more mind to go to Plow, and look after my fathers horses then to learn my Book, yet I was pretty apt for that time I was 14, I cou'd read the Psalter pretty well. Now Katy pri-
 hee do thou sing a Song, and then

we'll part for this time.

K. What shall I sing, I know not.

J. Any one will be sweet from thee

K. If you'll not laugh at me, I'll sing
as well as I can; once indeed I was
counted good at singing, but now Love
has spoiled my Voice

K. Love mends it prithee begin.

K. *My love is to New England gone,
And leaves me hear a mourning*

There's nothing i can eat or drink,

I spend my time in moaning;

If he will but return to me,

I will shew him more kindness,

I never will be coy no more,

For sure it is a blindness.

If he will be but kind to me,

To please him i'll be willing,

I'll wash his hands, his shirt and hose,

And daily will i mend them

And never shall want money more,

For mine i'll freely lend him.

Sweet George if thou knowst my heart,

I thou wouldst make haste unto me,

I do repent of what is past,

by absence do undo me.

Good Cupid once more draw thy bow

And wound his heart full sorely

For if he never come again,

I shall live here but poorly.

Maidens all be ruled by me,

*Maidens all be ruled by me,
 To true Love be not slighted
 They will go forth to fighting.
 Then Let all maids well spend their time,
 And while they may go marry
 For they stay till they grow stal
 They may for ever tarry.*

K. There's all, how do you like it

J. Very well, a kind lass I'll warrant
 I will not serve thee so, I'll
 her, well I'll thee Love.
 stay and live with

K. Well let us go, m. troth we shall
 go near to spoil our Wedding with this
 Days work, for certainly we shall both
 be soundly chidden.

J. For my part I will begin with my
 master first, and tell him I'm going to be
 marry'd, and hope he will grace my
 Wedding with his Company, and if he
 begins to scold, I'll desire him to remem-
 ber his own condition, and ask him why
 his worship did set me such an example ;
 for he loves his wife so well, that he doth
 adore the very thoughts of her, that he
 made me almost mad to know what a
 Wife was. Sure no hidden treasure is in
 a married life, because all strive to be of
 that rank.

K. I believe so too, or else so many
 would not desire it, maids are only made
 much of by young men, and if they be

too kind they are laugh'd at; but married folks are accepted in all company, and invited to all weddings, christenings gossipings, burials, and to all merry meetings which pleases me well.

J. I hope they will come a gossiping to thee shortly, and then I shall look soberly, and bid the women welcome, what dost thou blush at.

K. It would make one blush to hear you but let us go, and if my mistress chides I'll confess my fault and all will be well.

J. Thou hast a deal of patience, I commend thee for it, and hope thou wilt have some with me.

K. We must bear one another, but if we displease a Master or Mistress, some are so crabbed, they will turn one out of doors, but if we anger one another we must agree again, when my mistress has spoke her mind, and is in good temper again, I intend to make her my counsellor, for she likes one to trust her with secrets, the mischief is I know not how to go in at first, and now it's dark I'm afraid of missing my way.

J. Well, I'll go with thee now, I cannot be seen, and if she falls out with thee call me, and I will take thy part for thou shalt be a slave to her, no marry not.

K. if goody Shaw hath not milk'd my kine, it will be, I wish she has, I would have bid her do so, if I had but known of staying so long.

J. Lets reckon whats to pay, let me see we have had 3 cakes and 4 pots of ale & 2 pipes of tobacco thats 15 pence.

K. We must not spend so much at an Ale-house.

J. The best bargain I ever made in my Life was there, and I hope thou and I have made as good a one.

K. I should be sorry else.

J. I would it were sealed once.

K. All in good time.

J. Host good by to you.

Host. You are welcome sir,

J. Give me thy hand prithee.

K. My heart akes, I know not what to do

J. Pluck it up woman I do not fear,

K. Would I were out of this slavery.

J. 'Tis but a month and thou shalt, 'tis pleasant to walk with thee, in the dark.

K. I pity your journey home, but I shall never trouble you again, now John good by to you. Remember every thing, order your matters wisely, and not forget to send me word, for I shall long to hear, and if you deceive me you will break my heart.

J. Fear not, for if it rains cats or dogs I'll come.

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—, that's true love indeed, I shall go
about my work so merry, if my mistress
will forgive me this fault, then I shall
not feel the ground I go on, O! what it
is to be pleased, farewell John,

J. Farewell sweet one, when we meet
to-morrow, we'll conclude all. Here
take my heart, and a hundred kisses with
it, and keep them till I see thee.

K. I can see nothing.

J. They are only felt my dear, once
more farewell, heavens favour me as I
prove true to thee.

K. speaks to herself as she goes home.
My poor John, how loving he has been
to day, I'm sorry I snapt him up so, sure-
ly he was innocent, must I be marry'd
shortly and call'd goody Lawrence, I
shall hardly know myself, my dear John
what a many pretty things he said, sure-
ly I shall not rest'till I hear how our bu-
siness goes on, nor will he, for love is a
terrible thing.

It wounds the heart, it breaks the brain,

It makes one always live in pain,

J. Talks to himself as he goes home,
what a joyful day this has been, if every
day wou'd be as prosperous as this, then
I shou'd reach heaven in a short space, let
me see what I have done to day, I've
got Kate's consent to marry, and we have
appointed the time, and settled all things.

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to my hearts content that I cou'd leave for
joy? poor heart, she was almost jealous
of me, but now I have fully satisfy'd her
and shortly all fears shall vanish away. I
will take care for the future, how I order
things, and surely be with her to-mor-
row evening, for fear she shou'd be an-
gry again, for she looks so pretty when
she smiles, that it's a thousand pities she
shou'd ever be displeased. Well dear Ka-
ty I must think on my master now, and
study what to say to him for staying so
long, therefore my dear Katy, I must
forebear the sweet thoughts of thee for a
season.

Farewell awhile, to thee my love adieu
To thee dear Kate, I will prove true,
Then home he went to plow and cart,
And what became of them the 2d. part,
Will shew you gentle reader more at large
Which you may purchase for 1d. Charge

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